

# Aging

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## Additional WHCA Grants

43 grants, totaling \$599,200, have now been made by DHEW in preparation for the White House Conference on Aging. Since *Aging* No. 60, these grants have been awarded. Governors' designees are as follows:

### COLORADO—\$5,000:

Hon. Robert L. Knous  
Lieutenant Governor of Colorado  
Denver.

### NEW MEXICO—\$15,000:

Mr. Murray A. Hintz  
Director, Department of Public Welfare  
Box 1391, Santa Fe.

### NORTH DAKOTA—\$15,000:

Mr. Carlyle D. Onsrud, Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Welfare Board  
Bismarck.

### PUERTO RICO—\$15,000:

Guillermo Arbona, M. D.  
Secretary of Health  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, San Juan.

### UTAH—\$5,000:

Mr. Delbert L. Stapley  
Chairman, Utah Committee on Aging  
Office of the Governor, Salt Lake City.

### VERMONT—\$15,000:

Mr. John J. Wackerman  
Commissioner of Social Welfare  
Montpelier.

### VIRGINIA—\$15,000:

Mr. John E. Raine, Chairman  
Commission on the Aging, 511 Virginia Bldg.  
Fifth & Main St., Richmond 19.

## Two State Conferences for WHCA

During September Mississippi and West Virginia conducted statewide meetings preparatory to the White House Conference on Aging:

The Third Annual Mississippi Conference on Aging took place from September 23-25 at the University of Mississippi, with about 170 persons in attendance. National and State plans were discussed, with emphasis on the proposed State survey and on the resources of public and voluntary agencies. One session was devoted to the Harrison County Council on Aging, as an example of local level activity stimulated by the 1958

State conference. Principal speakers included William C. Fitch, David Jeffreys, and Cecil Simpson of DHEW, and H. J. Massie, Executive Director of the Mississippi Council on Aging.

A Governor's Conference on Aging was held in Charleston, West Virginia, on September 25. The theme was "What Can the Community Do for Its Older Citizens?" and the main speakers were Governor Cecil H. Underwood, Undersecretary of HEW Bertha S. Adkins, and H. Burton Aycock, Regional Representative for the White House Conference on Aging in the Charlottesville, Virginia, Regional Office of DHEW. Attendance, totaling 150, was by personal invitation of the Governor. The Conference was sponsored by the Commission on Problems of the Aging and the Department of Employment Security.

## AAUW Pursues Active Program Preparing for WHCA

The American Association of University Women, with 1440 branches, has been active in "practical educational work" for aging for about five years. Last year, nearly one-fourth of all AAUW branches—in 45 States—studied or promoted educational work in areas such as health, housing, and leisure time activity for our aging population.

Even before specific plans got underway for programs in preparation for the White House Conference on Aging, the AAUW had succeeded in several cities with outstanding examples of community activity:

- In Indianola, Iowa, the AAUW Branch made a survey of the social and economic status of Warren County's senior citizens in smaller towns. This was the kind of personal survey possible only in small communities—to find out what was being provided for oldsters who still enjoy life, and to see what opportunities existed for brightening their outlook when they can no longer engage

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in active affairs—and replies from eight such committees were incorporated in the local AAUW report. Questions covered issues such as making a home alone or with children, maintaining a home on reduced income, housing difficulties, problems of employment, and recreation facilities.

Several towns asked the AAUW's Social and Economics Issues Committee to tell them what neighboring communities were doing for aging citizens.

Results indicate that in a range of population from 1,750 down to 40 people, most of the senior citizens make their own adjustment. But even in the smaller communities, many of the older people are lonely. The idea of friendly calls, acts of friendliness, occurred to the Committee, and the chairman concluded: "That may be a follow-up our Branch can undertake."

• SAGE (Summit Association for Gerontological Endeavor) has grown out of a study group on Aging in the AAUW's Summit, New Jersey, Branch. A Visiting Homemaker Service was organized as a nonprofit organization in 1954. The purpose and aim of the local committee was to uncover the needs of older citizens, and to initiate projects for meeting these needs, as well as to educate the community and to prepare younger persons for the problems of aging.

Current activities of SAGE, now recognized by the United Campaign, are part of the total community effort in Summit. SAGE is working to set up an occupational therapy training center to train volunteers who can go to institutions for older citizens.

• In San Jose, California, the AAUW Branch, with the help of national AAUW study references, made a thorough survey of the community. Field trips to organizations and homes for older citizens, attendance at meetings of civic committees on aging, talks by specialists in the field, etc., led up to cosponsorship of a Community Conference on Aging at San Jose College. The purposes of the conference were to

- (1) develop specific recommendations for community action,
- (2) challenge community groups to take recommended action, and
- (3) alert the community to 1960 State and 1961 National White House Conference on Aging.

Far from being the end, this accomplishment was only a start in San Jose. Other projects are underway: preparation of a booklet on "Opportunities for Senior Citizens"; participation in formation of a nonprofit organization to coordinate services for senior citizens in Santa Clara County; establishment of a legislative subcommittee within the AAUW's Social and Economics Issues Committee to study new bills on aging.

• The Augusta, Maine, AAUW group, just beginning to take an interest in the subject, reports: "In preparation for one meeting each person will do some reading of her own choice on the subject, and all will read the three reports made to the Governor and legislature of activities of the Maine Committee on Aging. Although starting off as a 'studying' group the majority seem to favor a side objective of utilizing these efforts in some definite action."

More recently, to help the 140,000 members of AAUW participate more effectively in an informed way with State planning for the WHCA, the national SEI Committee of AAUW has made available to all its State Divisions a question-and-answer interview guide which can be used for initiating local and State action. This was the result of two pilot projects conducted in Delaware and New Jersey where State AAUW representatives, together with a member of the national committee, contacted departments and agencies of the State government directly concerned with programs in aging.

The basic areas of questioning adopted for this guide cover:

- How can an AAUW member find out what is going on "in this State" about the WHCA?
- If little is going on, what can an AAUW member do to stimulate interest and participation in programs on aging?
- If the State is actively participating in WHCA preparations, what overall plans are under consideration, and who is involved? What organizations will participate in planning?
- Where can AAUW take hold?

By mid-October the headquarters office of AAUW's SEI Committee had received replies from ten State Divisions, which indicate that the question of where to take hold is the one local branches are most interested in pursuing.

As further reactions from individual State projects are received, the AAUW hopes to issue an overall report. For the time being, the organization's purpose is to stimulate local activity.

For more information: SEI Office, AAUW, 1634 Eye St. NW, Washington 6, D.C.

## **National Association of Voluntary Jewish Institutions**

A National Association of Voluntary Jewish Institutions for the Care of the Aged was organized at the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service in Pittsburgh. An ad hoc committee of 20 representatives of homes for the aged in the U.S. and Canada was charged with responsibility for setting up the framework of the organization, preparation of a constitution,

and the formulation of a program.

This move toward a national organization was accelerated by the need to bring to the attention of the public the specific function of homes for the aged as comprehensive care facilities. One of the tasks to be accomplished in the near future is the determination of the definition of homes for the aged broad enough to include a variety of structures and functions. The Jewish Homes group is looking forward to amalgamation with groups representing homes sponsored by other denominations.

General objectives and purposes of the Association are to:

(1) provide a means for nationwide communication with and representation from the institutional field of the care of the aged;

(2) foster and promote recognition of the role of institutions serving the aging and aged, especially their contribution toward the welfare of the aging and aged;

(3) work with other organizations representing institutional care of the aging and aged;

(4) facilitate exchange and distribution of information and experience to other institutions for the aged;

(5) establish a forum for advancement of knowledge of the field through workshops, meetings, studies, and discussions among practitioners and lay leadership; and

(6) work toward the objective of establishing a national voluntary nonsecretarian organization broadly representative of institutions caring for the aging and aged.

Elected to the Committee were:

Chairman: Herbert Shore (Dallas)

Vice Chairmen: Dr. Sol Geld (Clifton, N. J.)

Jack Gold (Chicago)

Secretary: Martin Freeman (Hartford)

Treasurer: Joseph Folkoff (Baltimore).

Additional members include Newman Biller (New York), Sidney Entman (Jacksonville), Jack Esman (Memphis), Arthur Farber (Seattle), Sidney Friedman (San Francisco), Ben Grossman (Chicago), Abe Kostik (Troy), Sam Roberts (Buffalo), Joe Ross (Kansas City), Eli Rudin (Boston), Sam Ruth (Toronto), Ira Sonnenblick (Detroit), Moe Wachs (Brooklyn), Art Waldman (Philadelphia), Dr. Julius Weil (Cleveland).

More information: Chairman, National Association of Voluntary Institutions for the Care of the Aged, 2525 Centerville Rd., Dallas 28.

### Activities of State Employment Agencies

Information for this resume was furnished by the Bureau of Employment Security, U.S. Department of Labor.

In addition to providing regular counseling, placement and job development services, State employment agencies are working with many

groups and organizations to bring about a greater understanding of the abilities of middle-aged and older workers, and to help locate job opportunities.

Here are some examples of such activities:

#### 1—"EXPERIENCE UNLIMITED"

During July 1959, a local office of the California Department of Employment held four group counseling sessions for the members of "Experience Unlimited," a group of executives and professional men over 35 who are having difficulty in finding work. Purpose of this group is to find jobs for all older workers, men and women, 35 and over.

At the first meeting it was decided that the group would:

- Invite personnel managers to meet with them.

- Send resumes of group members' experience to employers in composite bulletin form.

- Exchange job information and introductions to employers.

- Help resolve any employment problems or decisions any member might present to the committee.

- Have outside employers and civic leaders speak to the group and take part in discussions.

- Organize and schedule a radio and/or television panel.

- Have inventory of job openings as well as pertinent current job orders brought to the meeting.

#### 2—"CAREER CLINIC FOR MATURE WOMEN"

Representatives of the New York State Employment Service, with representatives of Macy's Department Store and the Mutual Insurance Company of New York, participated in a panel discussion conducted by the Ballard School of the New York City YWCA, which inaugurated a six-lesson Career Clinic for mature women who want to re-enter the labor market. Discussion emphasized over-all job opportunities, types of jobs for which individual members of the group might qualify, training or experience necessary for entry into appropriate fields of work, and personal requirements.

#### 3—"PANEL DISCUSSIONS AT FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES CONVENTION"

The Sacramento local office of the California Department of Employment participated in the Fraternal Order of Eagles State Convention by arranging a panel discussion on Employment of Older Workers. The convention committee transcribed this discussion which is being distributed to every Eagles Aerie in the U.S.

## Special Staff on Aging

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## NEWS ITEMS

Mr. William C. Fitch, Director of DHEW's Special Staff on Aging, who has also served since March 1959 as Staff Director for the White House Conference on Aging, resigned November 1 to accept an appointment as the new Executive Director for both the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Retired Teachers Association. His new address at AARP-NRTA headquarters is 925 15th St., N.W., Suite 44, Washington 5, D.C.

The combined membership of these two associations is over 200,000. Their programs include research, education, legislation, and operating projects in the areas of housing, nursing homes, prepaid hospital-medical-surgical insurance, cooperative buying, and interorganizational information exchanges for the aging (over 55) population. AARP-NRTA President is Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus.



Better care of the 16,000 aged in some 200 private homes for the aged in New York State and future residents of these homes is the goal of new rules, recommendations, and principles promulgated for such institutions by the State Board of Social Welfare (112 State St., Albany).

The new regulations, developed with the cooperation of representatives of the homes, provide upgraded standards that reflect modern methods of institutional care. They were made necessary by increasing need for facilities to deal with problems of the chronically ill, by the growing need for services to help people with diminishing physical strength to live independently as long as possible, and by broadening concepts of the needs of the aging to live as full a life as they are capable.

The new rules require that a home for the aged

provide a positive health program for its residents, including both prevention and treatment. The home must be physically safe against fire and other hazards, and must provide palatable and nourishing food suited to the preferences of the residents. Plans for construction and reconstruction of building must be approved by the State Department of Social Welfare (See *Aging* 58, p. 5).

The new standards also call for self-determination of all residents. No one, if capable of making his own decision, should be admitted without consideration of his wishes and best interests. After admission, he should retain the freedom to leave, if he is capable of making the decision.

The rules, recommendations, and principles also provide for preservation of individual identity, stimulation of interests and activities, and regard for personal rights.



Information for this item is taken from BETTER TIMES, October 2, 1959, published by the Community Council of Greater New York, Inc., 345 E. 45 St., NYC 17.

Supported by a grant of \$330,000 from the National Institutes of Health, a new prehospitalization care and treatment program for victims of long-term diseases is being inaugurated by the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Donald V. Cooney has been appointed director of the program, which will open a five-year study to determine the feasibility of offering care and treatment in the home to victims of strokes. Service will be offered prior to hospitalization to avoid, if possible, need for hospital care.

A closer working relationship with other hospitals, public health nursing agencies, family agencies, and welfare services is to be developed.

Patients under the program will be offered medical, nursing, social caseworker, physical and occupational therapy, and housekeeping services. In cases of acute illness, hospitalization will be provided.

Present home-care programs give service following hospitalization. This program is designed to treat patients who may have to wait long periods to be admitted to hospital care, and to prevent further damage during this time.

For more information: Arthur Feigenbaum, Executive Director of the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital.



A shop carrying articles for sale made by the "Elder Craftsmen" of Philadelphia was scheduled to open last month at 1628 Walnut St. Senior citizens who wish to sell their articles may take samples of their work to the shop for approval. For more details: Mrs. Helen Leighty, Philadelphia Center for Older People, 921 N. 6th St.

## CONFERENCES AND COURSES

National Biennial Roundtable Conference of the American Public Welfare Association is scheduled for December 2-5 at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C. Board members and workers on all governmental levels and in all areas of public welfare work, as well as representatives from other branches of social work and numerous allied professions, will participate.

Two special sessions on aging are included, and roundtable sessions entitled "The Needs of Older People — Can Casework Help?", "Government Moves Ahead in the Aging Field," and "Mobilizing Community Help for The Aging." These and many other roundtable sessions will feature active participation by those attending.

Among general session speakers are Secretary of HEW Arthur S. Flemming; Commissioner Raymond W. Houston of the New York State Department of Social Welfare and President of APWA; Howard Houston, Minister-Director of the U. S. Technical Cooperation Mission to India; and Roscoe Drummond, Washington columnist for the *New York Herald Tribune*.

For more information: APWA, 1313 East 60th St., Chicago 37.



Twelfth Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society, Inc., is scheduled for November 12-14 at the Hotel Statler-Hilton in Detroit. Five periods will be devoted to concurrent sessions for reports on research in biology, clinical medicine, social science and psychology, and social welfare.

For copies of the program and further information: Dr. Wilma Donahue, General Program Chairman, Rackham Building, Ann Arbor, Mich.



The 8th Annual Capital District Conference on Aging will take place November 19 at the Ann Lee Home, Albany, New York. Theme this year will be "Recreation in Rehabilitation," with principal speakers including Dr. Walter Polner, economist on the staff of the American Medical Association, and Mrs. Beatrice Hill, Director of Consulting Service for the National Recreation Association. For details: Dr. Raymond Harris, Assistant Medical Director, Ann Lee Home, Shaker Farms, Albany.



The University of New Hampshire's Extension Service during October started a once-a-week series of informal afternoon discussions, "Adjustment in Retirement," with sessions running through mid-November. In addition, a series of four workshops, "Handicraft Training for Volunteers" is being offered for volunteers working

with ambulatory and nonambulatory older adults. For more information about these activities: Mrs. Helen Wilson, Extension Specialist in Gerontology, University of N. H., Durham.



Over the next several weeks, a number of local and State conferences are scheduled specifically in connection with WHCA preparations. Those which have come to our attention include:

### • NEW MEXICO—January

Two general meetings on aging were to be held before January. The first one, conducted by the Medical Society's Committee on Aging and by the State Health Department, was scheduled for November 3 at the University of New Mexico, in conjunction with the State Welfare Conference. A statewide "Symposium on Problems of Aging" emphasized medical and related problems seen by doctors, in preparation for the special State conference in January. Further information: Ralph Marshall, Executive Secretary of the Medical Society, Albuquerque.

### • NEW YORK—December 1 & 10

Two New York State conferences on aging are planned, covering different geographic areas, and emphasizing various subject matter areas.

The first, scheduled for December 1 and 2 at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City, will include Governor Rockefeller as principal speaker. Primarily for the Greater NYC area, it will emphasize anthropology, health, housing, law, religion, income maintenance, social services, and service organizations for the aging. For arrangements and information: Mr. Lester Davis, Executive Secretary, Committee on Welfare of the Aging, Community Council of Greater New York, 345 E. 45 St., NYC.

On December 10, at the State Office Building in Syracuse, housing, counseling, recreation and health, and services for the aging will be discussed for participants from the counties of Onondaga, Cayuga, Cortland, Oneida, Oswego, and Madison.

Participants include Mrs. Donald S. McChesney, layleader and Member of the Board of Social Welfare in Syracuse, who is Regional Chairman, and Dr. Herbert Notkin, Medical Director of the State Department of Social Welfare in Onondaga. More information: Mrs. Marcelle G. Levy, Consultant, New York State Committee for the WHCA, State Department of Social Welfare, 112 State St., Albany.

### • OREGON—November 14, 1959

The Medford District Conference on Aging, will cover the counties of Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, and Lake. For arrangements and information: Mr. Frank Glonning, Director of Special Services, Camp White, Oregon.

## PUBLICATIONS

A new edition of the "Directory of Official State Agencies on Aging" is being published by the Special Staff on Aging. Official distribution to States is being made through DHEW's regional offices. Individual free copies are available either from DHEW Regional Representatives for Aging, or from *Aging* in Washington.

The Directory includes a listing of Governor's Designees for each State's White House Conference on Aging plan. It was last issued as of May 1, 1959. A very large number of changes and additions have been made since then.



"Planning Homes for the Aged" (edited by Geneva Mathiasen and Edward H. Noakes; published by F. W. Dodge Corporation, 119 W. 40 St., NYC 18; October 15, 1959; VII & 119 pp.; \$12.75) is a large, handsomely-printed book.

The editors, as Executive Secretary of the National Committee on the Aging, and as a distinguished architect with special interests in hospital and nursing home design, respectively, bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to a fast-growing area of interest in the field of aging.

Described as the "first comprehensive planning guide . . . on the problems of designing and building homes for the aged and infirm," this is a practical guide for those actually engaged in planning such homes. Eleven chapters of text by individual specialists cover such topics as congregate living for older people, community needs and resources, location and building site, common services, residence units and rooms, health needs, administration and staff facilities, materials and costs, design, and the function of the architect. Helpful appendices on population data and building costs, as well as a bibliography, are included. Six prize-winning designs are fully described, with illustrations.



"Jobs for the Homebound," although not specifically concerned with the aging, is an interesting and provocative report on attempts to find remunerative homework for the chronically ill, homebound patients generally considered too incapacitated for vocational activities. The article, by Margaret Clarke, appears on p. 813 of the September issue of *Public Health Reports* (Vol. 74, No. 9; Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.; \$4.25 per year; single copies 55¢). Miss Clarke is codirector of a five-year demonstration project in vocational rehabilitation which has been in operation for 2½ years as an integral part of the home care department at the Montefiore Hospital in New York City.

*Health Statistics* (from the U.S. National Health Survey) includes a new (40 pp.) publication, "Limitation of Activity and Mobility due to Chronic Conditions" (July 1959), issued as Public Health Service Publication No. 584-B11. These are statistics on the prevalence of limitation of activity and mobility among persons with one or more chronic conditions, by age, sex, residence, family income, and major activity. They are based on data collected in household interviews during the period July 1957—June 1958.

Copies are available @ 30¢ from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office; and single free copies are also available in limited supply from the U. S. National Health Survey, Division of Public Health Methods, U. S. Department of HEW, North Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.



The Cleveland Golden Age Center *News*, in a special Anniversary Edition for October, reports on the first four years of an outstanding project. This Center, a joint venture of the Metropolitan Housing Authority (with Government help) and the Cleveland Welfare Federation (with private funds), has focused particular attention on providing useful services for older persons. Two more centers are now planned in Cleveland to be included in two new large public housing developments of the Metropolitan Housing Authority. Mail subscriptions to the *News* @ \$1.25 a year are available from the Golden Age Center of Cleveland, Ohio, 2320 E. 30th St., Cleveland 15.



"Social Work Education for Better Services to the Aging" (93 pp., \$2) is Volume II of the reports on the Seminar on the Aging held in Aspen, Colorado, September 8-13, 1958. Published by, and available from, the Council on Social Work Education, 345 E. 46 St., NYC 17, this volume includes nine papers by recognized authorities in the field of aging, as well as a bibliography compiled by the Library of the National Committee on the Aging. Volume I was noted in *Aging* No. 55, p. 7.



August 1959 issue of *Western City* (published monthly by the League of California Cities, 440 Statler Center, Los Angeles 17; \$2 a year; single copies 25¢) includes a highly informative and interesting roundup of "Senior Citizens Programs in Western Cities" on p. 19. The magazine represents municipal associations in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Individual reports from New Mexico and Utah are included in this 9-page roundup of reports from communities throughout the region.

"Employing Older Workers—A Record of Employers' Experience" (BES No. R-179), 56 pp., May 1959, was published by the Office of Program Review and Analysis, BES, U.S. Department of Labor. Copies are available at 40¢ from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. (Quantity discounts of 25% on 100 or more.)

This record of employers' experience with employment of older workers illustrates what can successfully be accomplished in actual practice. With photos and charts this booklet draws on examples from individual company operating practices. It is a handsomely presented, easy-to-read survey of positive attitudes toward older workers. A bibliographical reference is included, as well as a listing of available reports on the Labor Department's Older Worker Program.



A listing of "Community Planning Directors for Services to the Aging" (5 pp., mimeographed) was issued in September by the United Community Funds and Councils of America, 345 E. 46 St., NYC 17. With entries for 20 States, D. C., and Canada, this directory provides names and addresses of planning directors in 42 communities.



The September issue of the *Social Security Bulletin* (Vol. 22, No. 9; Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.; \$2.75 per year; single copies 25¢) includes an article (p. 4) on "New Graduated Retirement Benefits in Great Britain." This is a summary of the new provisions of the National Insurance Act of 1959.



"The Senior Center," an attractive short brochure, gives information about a special project sponsored by the Junior League of Richmond, Va. Free copies are available from the Senior Center, 909 W. Franklin St., Richmond 20 (send stamped, self-addressed envelope). The brochure is an excellent example of a concise descriptive statement, suitable for adaptation by similar groups elsewhere.



"Adams County Analyzes Aging," a 31-page report on a 1958 conference on aging and chronic illness, is available in limited supply. Requests should be made on organizational letterhead to Mr. Wayne Messick, Chairman, Conference Committee, Division of Health Education, Adams County Health Dept., Quincy, Ill. The report includes 50 program suggestions for action. The conference was made possible through a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The September 27 issue of *Parade*, a national circulation Sunday newspaper supplement, carried an interesting article by Robert P. Goldman about the "Progressive Patient Care" plan at Connecticut's Manchester Memorial Hospital (near Hartford): "Better Hospital Care for You." This hospital is divided into four parts according to varying degrees of patient self-help ability, with costs adjusted to the amount of care provided. The "PPC" plan has been started in several cities across the country. More information: Mr. Edward Thomas, Administrator of the Manchester Memorial Hospital.



The October issue of APWA's *Public Welfare* (Vol. 17, No. 4; 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 37; \$4 per year; single copies \$1) includes a rundown of legislative developments in aging in the States (p. 164-165), and other items of interest for aging.



"Housing Rural Aged People in Wisconsin," by May L. Cowles and Clara G. Sweeney, (Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 536, University of Wisconsin, Madison; April 1959; 20 pp.) is an information-packed report of research into the housing and living circumstances of older farmers and villagers. It helps to clarify several debated issues, and points the way to problem-solving.



"Psychiatric Orientation in a Home for the Aged," by Helen K. Weil, reprinted from the April 1958 issue of *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* (Vol. 28, No. 2), is available in limited supply at 50¢ per copy from the Library Fund, Montefiore Home, 3151 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio. The aim of this short (81½ pp.) presentation is "to indicate ways and means by which the professional disciplines of psychology and psychiatry, together with social casework, may gradually penetrate into the program of . . . institutions and find potential areas for prophylactic and therapeutic work."



"Campaigns to Increase the Milk Consumption of Older Persons" (19 pp.), published as Bulletin #344, is available free upon request from Arless A. Spielman, Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Connecticut, Storrs. This study is concerned with effectiveness of public information campaigns to get older persons to drink more milk in the Hartford area. The research was supported in part by funds provided under the Research and Marketing Act. It is related to a previous study, "Milk Consumption by Older Persons," published in 1958 as Storrs AES Bulletin #339.

"Estimated Number of Older People in 55 Michigan Cities as of July 1958," a 3-page mimeographed report of Michigan's Legislative Advisory Council on Problems of the Aging (3032 Rackham Bldg., Ann Arbor), June 1959, is available free upon request. Comparative figures are given for 1950 and 1958.



"The Writers Group Journal" (April 1959; 26 pp., processed) is a collection of some of the creative writing done at the Detroit West Side UAW Retired Workers Activities Center. Copies of the journal are available free of charge, in limited supply, from Olga M. Madar, Director, UAW Recreation Department, Solidarity House, 8000 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit 14.



"The Jewish Aged of Tucson, Arizona, 1959" is available in limited supply from the Tucson Jewish Community Council, 102 North Plumer, Tucson. This report is the result of a five-month survey which may well serve as a guide to other communities interested in conducting similar studies. It covers the living conditions and needs of Tucson's Jewish people 62 years old and over. The survey was jointly sponsored by the Tucson Jewish Family Service. (24 pp. & 32 tables and sample questionnaire; mimeographed.)



Hennepin County's Community Welfare Council, 404 S. 8 St., Minneapolis 4, Minn., has published a new directory of community services and suggested activities for retired persons, "When All Your Time Is Your Own," a 12-page leaflet in two colors. Prepared by the Publicity and Interpretation Committee of the Council's Senior Services Project, it has been widely distributed in Minneapolis to agencies, physicians, lawyers, personnel managers, and interested groups.

A local firm financed the printing of the first edition as a community service. A limited supply is available. Requests (on organizational letterhead) from official organizations or agencies, for single copies, may be addressed to Mrs. Irene H. Williams, Senior Services Consultant.

"The Personal, Family and Social Circumstances of Old People," by Peter Townsend and Brian Rees (Social Science Research Committee, International Association of Gerontology; London, August 1959; 34 pp. & appendices), is a valuable and unique report of an investigation carried out in England as a pilot for a future cross-national survey of old age. The authors designed an interview schedule believed to be usable in both European and American countries, tested it, and now present in this volume a report and self-critique of the project.

The schedule is designed to obtain basic information on family status and relationships with children, social isolation, employment and income, living arrangements and accommodations, health status and medical care. A special and promising feature of this study is an attempt to rate individuals according to the degree of help they require in carrying on matters of daily living.

The study was made under the aegis of the European Branch of the Social Science Research Committee of the International Association of Gerontology. This is the first of the Committee's proposals for the design of studies arrived at making cross-national comparisons. For a copy of the Report write to Mr. Peter Townsend, London School of Economics and Political Science, Skepper House, 13 Endsleigh St., London, W.C.1, England.



The *Annual Report 1959* (16 pp.) of the Old People's Welfare Council of Victoria (46 Russell St., Melbourne, C.1, Australia) offers a very interesting view into the field of aging in another part of the English-speaking world. Copies, in limited supply, are available from the Council's Assistant Director, Miss Lyra Taylor.

This eighth annual report (for the year ending June 30), with many photographs, covers activities supported by nearly 100 public and private organizations and committees represented on the Old People's Welfare Council. The Council is the focal point in each State for information and advice on all aspects of the care of the elderly, bringing together in consultation the voluntary organizations, statutory bodies, and government departments.